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## WELL-KNOWN WOMAN PASSES FROM LIFE

### MRS. MILO BRANCH ANSWERS LAST CALL

Obsequies Held on Wednesday, Led by Former Pastor of Deceased—Had Been a Resident of Medina County For Over Forty Years.

Mrs. Alma M. Branch, wife of Milo E. Branch of Medina, died at her home on South Huntington street, on Monday of this week, at the age of 69 years, 4 months and 3 days, following an illness of less than a week, of heart trouble and pneumonia.

The deceased was the fourth child of a family of ten born to the late Julius and Jane Gardner, and was born at Paris, Kent county, Mich., Sept. 14, 1851, which at that time was a thoroughly pioneer country, the home being of logs, and the sight of roving Indians was not uncommon.

Later the father purchased a farm near Sparta, in the same county, where the daughter, now gone, was reared to maturity.

In 1873, she came to Ohio, and the following year, Feb. 22, 1874, was united in marriage to Milo E. Branch, in York township, Congregational church at Mallet Creek, this county, by the pastor, the late Rev. E. F. Baird. No children were born to this union, but three children have found in the departed a mother's care. They are, Harold L. Branch, Sarah Depper Arndt, and Marquette Branch Weisz.

The deceased became a member of the York church, April 25, 1875, and has always lived a consistent, Christian life, ever exerting an influence for good.

There survive the husband, the three foster children, many other relatives, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, by Rev. W. O. Towne of Lima, assisted by Rev. Wm. J. Drew of the Medina Congregational church. The body will rest temporarily in the vault at Spring Grove cemetery.

## ALLEGED VIOLATION OF BLUE SKY LAW

### Akron Broker Arrested on Complaint of Medina County Man

Willis Cannon, stock and security salesman, with offices in Akron, was arrested Sunday night at his place of business by Deputy Sheriff Al Hange, and brought to Medina, where he spent the night and Monday in the county jail.

Cannon's arrest was specifically directed by the State Securities Department, upon complaint of I. J. Betz of Spencer, this county.

Some time ago, Betz claims, Cannon sold him \$5,000 worth of stock of the Commonwealth Mortgage Co. of Minneapolis, Minn., on alleged representation by Cannon that the stock was of a preferred class. But common, instead of preferred stock, was delivered, Betz, he avers.

It appears that \$25,000 of preferred stock in the Commonwealth Mortgage Co. has been certificated for sale in Ohio by the State Securities Department, and \$15,000 worth to be given as bonus for purchases of preferred stock. No permission, however, was ever given for the sale of common stock of the company.

It is because of the alleged sale of common stock of the company to Betz that Cannon came in conflict with the law.

## VICTIM OF THE WAR DIES IN WADSWORTH

Thomas Vellenoweth, a brother of Mrs. Herbert Rodda of Wadsworth, died at the latter's home Saturday, Jan. 8, from tuberculosis, which resulted from exposure during the war.

Thomas was the son of William and Mary Vellenoweth and was born in Cornwall, England, Sept. 21, 1892. His mother died when he was about seven years of age and when the child had grown to young manhood he left his father's home to seek his fortune in the new world. He settled at Laurium, Mich., where he made his home until the entrance of America into the war.

Being deeply in sympathy with the Allied cause and already in love with his adopted country, he hastened to join her colors, becoming a member of the 106th Engineers, U. S. A., June 6, 1917. After a very brief period in the training camps he went overseas to France. Here he served manfully and well to the end of the war. However, the cold and exposure of the trenches, and camps of France proved greater than the natural resistance of his physique and soon after the close of the war he was returned to this country hopelessly afflicted with tuberculosis.

He landed at New York Harbor, on July 13, 1919, where he was held for a few weeks and then sent to the U. S. hospital at Denver, Colorado, for treatment. He remained in the hospital for nine months and then came to Wadsworth to make his home with his sister.

Funeral services were held from the Reformed church on Monday afternoon in charge of Rev. E. E. Zechel. The pall bearers consisted of three members of the Odd Fellows lodge, the deceased having been a member of that organization at Calumet, Mich., and three members of the American Legion.

## LODI YIELDS OCEAN OF REAL RED LIQUOR

Sheriff and Deputy Seize 100 Quarts and Find 100 More

Acting upon information alleging that an immense quantity of whiskey was stored at Taylor Inn, Lodi, Sheriff Bigelow and Deputy Hange proceeded to the place on Saturday to investigate.

According to the officials they were cordially greeted by proprietor Rairdin of the Inn, who made no denial that he had a large quantity of bottled whiskey on hand, and invited the officials to gaze upon it.

Rairdin, a former saloon keeper, stated that the liquor was his personal property as a "left over" at the time the national prohibition law went into effect. Rairdin's supply is said to have approximated about 100 quarts. This amount, he told the officers, was only about one-half of which he would have had, had not a like amount been stolen from him.

Rairdin charged one Fred Yost with the theft of the liquor. Yost is an oil man, his principal business being the "shooting" of wells with nitroglycerine, which he keeps in storage in a shack in some woods about two miles from Lodi.

Officers Bigelow and Hange visited the shack. Yost wasn't there, but the whiskey was. Seated between the ceiling and the roof the officers discovered one hundred quarts of what Medina connoisseurs declare to be the real article, and which corroborates, at least so far as the amount is concerned, the statement of Rairdin, that he had been robbed of it. The liquor found in the shack was confiscated.

The legal question was raised as to Rairdin's liability for the amount of whiskey he had on hand, on his claim that it was purchased before the prohibition law went into effect, and that he has a right to it in his own home, asserting that the Inn, too, a public resort, is nevertheless his domicile. His supply of whiskey was unmolested at the time, but later upon orders from the federal department at Cleveland, Sheriff Bigelow returned to Lodi and confiscated Rairdin's copious supply of the "red" goods.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of Yost, the legal issue with whom seems to be clearly drawn. Yost is said to be visiting relatives in or near Marietta, O., and is expected back to Lodi this week. He was a former boarder at the Taylor Inn.

## TWO MEN LOST LIVES IN ALASKA BLIZZARD

The following notice, clipped from the Portland (Oregon) Oregonian of Jan. 4, tells of the tragic death of Leslie Williams, son of a former Medina county woman, who with a companion were overtaken by a blizzard in Alaska.

"Leslie Williams and Charles Chapman, both seniors in high school, left their homes on a short holiday vacation to visit Herbert Scott, the light-house keeper at Mary's Island, thirty miles south of Ketchikan, Alaska. The three started out on a hunting trip, but had only gone about four miles, when caught in a terrible blizzard and became lost. After twenty-one hours of wandering about, young Chapman returned to the light house, so completely exhausted he was unable to give any directions for finding his companions.

No trace of the missing men could be found all last week, after several searching parties had gone out, until on Sunday, when the body of young Williams was found on the beach not far from the light house, at the foot of a cliff, over which he had fallen. He apparently had been dead only about two hours when found.

"Scott's body was found within half a mile of the light house, and his trail showed he had crawled on his hands and knees more than two miles. "Young Williams, was the 17-year-old son of Councilman Ed. Williams, a building contractor."

Mrs. Williams was a Medina county girl, formerly Maude Pittenger, of Spencer, and a cousin of Mrs. Herman Munson of Medina, whom the latter visited last summer in Portland.

## DEATH OF LEARNED MISSIONARY WOMAN

Catherine Albertha Hart, only sister of Mrs. J. E. Thompson of Medina, died on Monday, Jan. 17, at the age of 56 years, 11 months and 16 days.

She was born in Jamaica, but for the past 18 years had been a missionary and Spanish and English teacher in Santa Domingo. On account of ill health she left the Republic, arriving here four months ago. She survived by three brothers and one sister.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Caulk, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, and interment was made in Spring Grove cemetery.

## DEATH OF JOHN KAISER

John A. Kaiser, merchant at Erhart and well-known citizen of Medina county, died on Thursday of last week, aged 48 years, 3 months and 2 days. He is survived by a widow, one son and one daughter. The deceased had been in business in Erhart for a great number of years and was regarded as an upright and public spirited man, and he will be missed in the community where he has resided so long. Funeral services were held on Monday morning at St. Martin's Catholic church, and interment made in the church cemetery.

## NEW COUNTY AGENT AND FAMILY HERE

### GETS BUSY AT ONCE FOLLOWING ARRIVAL

Says "Service" is His Motto, and Is Strong Advocate of Organization of Rural People, Whose Advice and Assistance He Seeks.

R. H. Halderson, the new county agent, who comes to Medina county to take the place of Mr. Salisbury, who resigned some time ago, arrived in Medina last Friday, accompanied by his wife and two children.

Mr. Halderson was born and raised on a farm in Central Wisconsin. He received his early training in the rural schools of that state and was graduated from the Galesville high school in 1910.

After finishing his high-school course he attended Lawrence college for two years, taking the course preparatory to the agricultural course at the University of Wisconsin. At the close of the second year in college, Mr. Halderson felt that he was needed at home and so he managed his father's dairy farm at Trempealeau, Wisconsin for one year. He then entered the University of Wisconsin, taking the regular four-year course in agriculture from which he graduated in 1915.

Upon graduating, he accepted a position as general agent for the H. L. Baldwin Publishing Company, Minneapolis, for which company he had spent several summers. This work brought him in touch with many farmers in the middle western states and the training received fitted him for the duties of county agent work which he took up later.

In the summer of 1916 Mr. Halderson began work as county agent in Randolph county, W. Va., where he has been until taking up the work here in Medina county. Although several other positions were offered him when he decided to leave West Virginia, that of county agent in Medina county was the most attractive. He has always been a hard worker, with "Service" as his chief aim. He is a strong advocate of a strong organization of the rural people, and is particularly interested in the young folks.

In taking up the work in Medina county he says he will endeavor to promote and carry on the various lines of improvement that have already been started. He declares he is not one who will try to do things by himself, but will seek the advice and assistance of the up-to-date farmers and others on the various matters that come up from time to time. In other words, the various committee chairmen of the Farm Bureau will all have something to do in carrying out the plan of work for 1921.

## REORGANIZATION OF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

The annual meeting for the election of a member of the county school Board of Education was held in the office of the county superintendent of schools, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. R. D. Wall of Sharon was chosen as chairman and O. G. Swartz of Mallet Creek, secretary of the meeting. Robert Lance of York township was selected as the new member of the county board. The term is for a period of five years.

The retiring member of the county Board of Education, F. H. Weidner of Valley City, has served the county faithfully during his term, and his ability and good judgment in school matters have gained for him recognition throughout the county. The new member, Mr. Lance, is an experienced school man, a prominent citizen and will make a worthy successor to the retiring member.

The county board met for reorganization in their office Saturday afternoon and selected F. S. Turner of Litchfield as president, and Elmer E. Lee of Guilford as vice-president, for the coming year. The present membership of the county board is as follows: F. S. Turner, Litchfield; Elmer E. Lee, Guilford; C. Z. Ganyard, Granger; Robert Lance, York; J. R. Kennan, Medina.

## KRAMER-CAMPBELL

A very pretty wedding took place Saturday evening, Jan. 15, at the home of Mrs. J. E. Kramer, 1208 Matthews avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, when her daughter, Ella Katherine, was united in marriage to Mr. Thomas A. Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Campbell of Lakewood.

Promptly at 8 o'clock, Mrs. A. Roswurm, sister of the groom, played the wedding march and the bridal party took their respective places in front of a bank of ferns. The bride looked very charming in a dress of white pussy-willow satin and she carried a shower bouquet of white roses. The bride's sister, Mrs. O. G. Nettleton, acted as matron of honor and Miss Lenna Gunkelman of Medina, a cousin of the bride, was maid of honor. Mr. Arnold Nydegger acted as best man. Dr. A. B. Meldrum, pastor of the Old Stone church, performed the ceremony. About thirty guests were present, among them being Mrs. L. C. Gunkelman and Mrs. A. J. Gruninger of Medina.

The bride was a former Medina girl and has many friends here. The groom is a promising young druggist and a graduate of Western Reserve University. The wedding trip took the bridal couple south, and after March first, they will be at home to their many friends at Lakewood.

## COUNTY IN GRIP OF THRIFT IDEA

### CAMPAIGN WAGING IN EVERY TOWNSHIP

Proverbs of Poor Richard Being Emphasized in the Schools—Banks and Business Men Urging the Importance of Economy.

With the opening of Thrift Week on Monday, January 17th, the time-honored portrait of Benjamin Franklin could be seen throughout the length and breadth of Medina county. There is not a township which has not had the extensive thrift exhibits in the schools and general publicity throughout the places of business.

The Thrift Week program in Medina county has been generously financed by the banks. All banks in the county were invited to participate and the following have agreed to take their share of the expense of supplies and promotion:

Old Phoenix Bank, Savings Deposit Bank, Medina County National Bank, Medina; Peoples National Bank, Lodi State Bank, Lodi; Spencer State Bank, Farmer's Savings Bank, Spencer; Seville State Bank, Seville; Sharon State Bank, Sharon Center; Farmer's Bank Valley City.

On the opening day of Thrift Week Supt. Uler of the county schools finished his round of the public schools with preliminary exhibits. Each day this week there are thrift talks at the school assemblies throughout the county. On Friday afternoon there will be a general county-wide essay contest for all students from the seventh grade to seniors in high school. The County Thrift Committee is offering \$30 in gold for the best essays. The judges for this contest are authorized by the county School Board.

Another interesting feature of the Thrift Week publicity is the thrift poster window display. There are three entirely different displays which are to be seen in the following show windows or other display places:

Medina—Park Drug Shoppe, Dawson S. Longacre & Son, and Oatman & Beck; Wadsworth—Barnard's Jewelry Store and Allen Hartzell & Dible real estate office; Lodi—Ohio Farmers' Insurance office and N. W. Hower and Son; Seville—Hartman drug store; Spencer—Firestone store; Valley City—Kaiser's store; Brunswick—O. A. Ridiker's store; Hinckley—John Bronger's store; Litchfield—Rasor & Bart store; Sharon Center—Batterson & Ruckel store.

The general set of Thrift Week in Medina county has been in the hands of a county Thrift Committee composed of E. F. Gibbs (chairman) Y. M. C. A.; E. B. Spitzer, Kiwanis club; Blake Hendrickson, banker; Harry Coddling, real estate; L. H. Randall, insurance; N. H. Flickinger, minister; C. B. Uler, public schools; Dawson S. Longacre, Winyah club; Miss Minnie Wells, Red Cross, and Mrs. M. O. Hallock, women's clubs.

## PRESIDENT AND PREMIER AT KIWANIS CONVENTION

The president of the United States and the premier of Canada, the two countries in which Kiwanis clubs operate, will address the international convention which, it is expected, will bring 6,000 Kiwanians from all parts of the United States and Canada to Cleveland next June, it was officially announced this week by G. J. Provo, former president of the Cleveland Kiwanis club and chairman of the International committee on the convention program.

Gov. Harry L. Davis and United States Senator Frank B. Willis will also address the convention. Senator Willis is a member of the Delaware, Ohio, Kiwanis club.

Medina Kiwanians will attend the international convention en masse, and it is expected they will be conspicuously in evidence on the program for "Ohio Day," which is to be made a feature of the convention.

## AN UNUSUAL REPORT

At Chippewa Lake school, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bart, a drive is being made for good school attendance. Reports sent to the office of the county superintendent show much is being accomplished there to eradicate absence and tardiness. In fact it is considered by the pupils of the school almost an inexcusable offense for a pupil to be tardy and nothing but sickness is a worthy cause for absence. Mr. Bart reports one-hundred per cent attendance by the boys of the school for last month. This sort of report is very uncommon but shows what can be accomplished by proper leadership and direction.

## TAX DUPLICATE TOTALS

The following figures represent the total amounts charged on the tax duplicate of Medina county for each of the several purposes for which taxes have been levied for the year 1920, as taken from an official statement from County Auditor Washburn to County Treasurer Moyer, under date of Jan. 10, 1921:

Real estate, \$497,310.50; personal \$626,774.18; delinquent real, \$6,962.18; special, \$14,638.14; ditch, \$4.00; total, \$1,145,689.04; delinquent personal, \$11,626.06; roads, \$31,278.72; delinquent ditch, \$126.71; grand total, \$1,188,780.63.

## ARRAIGNMENT HELD IN CRIMINAL CASES

Three Plead Guilty—One Summarily Sentenced

A special session of Common pleas court was held Monday morning for the arraignment for pleading of a number of men indicted last week by the grand jury for various offenses. Those appearing before Judge N. H. McClure were:

Louis Solomon, indicted for carrying concealed weapons; Lee Buck, forgery; Joe Thomas, carrying concealed weapons; John Kallen, Nick Causman and Joe Smith, carrying concealed weapons, and burglary and larceny; Adolph Knoll, receiving and selling stolen property; Ernest Wilkey, grand larceny; Gus Smallwood, cutting with intent to wound, and Roland Ripley, abandoning legitimate child.

Solomon, Buck, Ripley and Thomas entered pleas of guilty. Kallen, Causman and Smith plead not guilty to the indictment of carrying concealed weapons, but not guilty of burglary and larceny.

All the others plead not guilty. Solomon was the only one on whom the court imposed sentence Monday, which was a fine of \$100 and costs. Solomon arranged for the payment of the fine.

Solomon's case was the result of the accidental shooting of Mrs. George Felton at the latter's home in Medina on the evening of Dec. 6, thru careless handling of a revolver. Mrs. Felton had a narrow escape from death and is now slowly recovering from the effects of the injury at a Cleveland hospital.

Ripley was placed under a bond of \$500 to support his child, sentence meanwhile being withheld. On Wednesday, Ralph E. Phillips, secretly indicted last week for non-support, was arrested in Elyria by Deputy Sheriff Hange.

## FARMERS' WEEK WILL DRAW MANY MEDINANS

Big Annual Event Opens in Columbus Jan. 31

The annual Farmers' Week program at the Ohio State University, Columbus, offers busy farmers and housewives the latest information on agriculture and home economics, and Medina county will be represented at this big annual winter roundup of farmers. This is the ninth year it has been scheduled. The dates are from Jan. 31 to Feb. 4.

Between 5,000 and 6,000 farmers and their families attend. Over 175 specialists and farmers throughout the middle west have been secured to speak or give demonstrations.

A special program is arranged for women.

Twenty state agricultural associations including the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, will meet during the week. The annual Ohio State Corn and Grain show, a style show, a live-stock show and a show of farm water supply and lighting systems, and labor-saving equipment are part of the affair.

A week's course in beekeeping offered cooperatively under the auspices of the Ohio Beekeepers' association and the United States Department of Agriculture will be held throughout the week.

Admission is free to every meeting. The Medina County Farm Bureau will send one representative from each township. The railroad fare for these representatives will be borne by the Farm Bureau. In addition a lady will be sent to attend the Women's Club meetings.

The following organizations have been requested to send representatives: Jersey Cattle club; Holstein Cattle club; Holstein association; Poultry association; Sheep and Wool Growers association; Rural Life Conference and Milk Producers organization.

A. S. Canfield will represent the Medina Wool Growers and J. C. Indoe the Milk Producers.

## INSURANCE COMPANY HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Ohio Farmers Insurance Co. was held on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week at the company's home office at Leroy.

There was a very large attendance of agents from all over the country, who were royally entertained by the home company. One of the chief features was a minstrel performance on Tuesday night by talent from the company's force of employees, the music of which was furnished by an orchestra likewise of employees. The company also has its own band, which was in evidence both days of the annual meet.

The annual report showed the largest business in the history of the company. The net premiums received amounted to \$3,320,263.69; an increase over last year of \$811,710.33; increase in unearned premium reserve, \$644,000; total assets now, \$5,147,789.73; net surplus now, \$1,124,575.52.

At the agents' meeting on Tuesday, a paper read by Secretary W. E. Haines was the outstanding feature. The paper dealt with the application of earnings as applied to unearned premium reserve, etc., and it was deemed worthy of publication in booklet form.

Frank Kirkpatrick of Columbus presided at the agents' meeting and Thos. Dye was secretary. The three directors of the company were elected for the ensuing year: J. D. Waite of Lodi, Price Russell of Creston and N. R. Chalfant of Leroy. Officers will be elected at a later date.

## UNTIMELY DEATH OF YOUNG WIFE

### SUMMONS APPROACHES WITH SUDDENNESS

Mrs. Cecil M. Mathewson Passes Away at Age of 18 Years—Was Christian Woman and Well Known to Medina People.

A death, of unusual pathos, and shock to her family and friends, was that of Mrs. Cecil Mathewson, wife of A. J. Mathewson, which occurred early last Saturday morning at her home, 418 West Friendship street, following an illness of but a few hours.

Death was due to a valvular affection of the heart, superinduced by incipient pneumonia with which Mrs. Mathewson was attacked, but which had not fully developed when the end came, she having been able to attend to her usual household duties until a brief time before her death.

Cecil May Mathewson, daughter of William J. and Mary E. Smith, was born Nov. 12, 1902, in Medina, where she spent her entire life of 18 years, 2 months and 2 days.

On July 24, 1920, she was united in marriage to Alfred James Mathewson. Besides her husband, she leaves to mourn her departure, a father, mother, three brothers, one sister, and hosts of friends and relatives, who will miss her cheery smile and friendly words of greeting.

She was ever ready to do the tasks assigned her, and helping in church, Bible school, and Christian Endeavor, was the work she loved most to do, and was well fitted to do. In her home life, she was a loving, affectionate daughter, always happy and cheerful, and ever ready to lend a helping hand to others.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, by Rev. W. R. Moffet of the Church of Christ, and interment was made in Spring Grove cemetery.

## INSTITUTES AT Mallet CREEK AND GRANGER

Able Speakers Present Advanced Ideas At Each Session

Farmers' Institutes in Medina county have apparently taken a new lease on life. At least this is so if the interest and attendance at the various ones held in the county during the past two or three weeks is to be regarded as significant thereof.

The more recent ones to be held were at Mallet Creek on Jan. 12 and 13, and at Granger on Jan. 14 and 15. At both institutes the speakers and subjects were the same, hence the following account covers both institutes:

Mrs. Cartwright's talks were a radical departure from the usual farmers' institute topic. The subject of "Hereditry," as applied to the human family and sex and hygiene in general. The audience considered these topics of so vital importance, that the Mothers' club of Granger made an engagement with Mrs. Cartwright to address their club at a future date.

Mrs. Cartwright said that new-born babies have less chance to live a year than a man of 80 years old. That there are 56,000 feeble minded, blind, and insane in the state of Ohio alone, due to alcohol and social diseases.

Mr. Stone spoke on pedigreed seed development. This subject was largely to the school students, who took notes on the lecture. The lecture illustrated the additional profit that could be secured from the raising of pedigreed seed and the method of procedure.

Mr. Stone's talk on the soil needs of phosphorus was very interesting judging from the discussions it created. The statement was made that the farmers in general are well aware of the need for phosphates but had stopped short of the full requirement, that 1000 pounds was not too much per acre.

Mr. Stone in his evening lecture discussed the Farm Bureau organization, its power to do good, not only to the farmer but to the general public.

His talk on legumes was confined to discussion of the ability of alfalfa clovers and soy beans to build up the soil by gathering nitrogen from the air. He also showed the advantage in raising these crops for seed, for it is highly profitable because of the increased acreage in the country.

In discussing drainage, Mr. Stone told of the venture of Director Allen. In drainage on his poor wet soil in Trumbull county and the profit realized.

Mr. Shoenberger made two addresses, "How" of Dairying and The Farmer as a Business Man.

The first was a discussion of the A B C of Dairying and very careful description of just how the freshing cow should be handled, the feeding, sanitation, etc.

Mr. Shoenberger then discussed the farmer as a business man, stressing advertising, organization and cooperation, and above all the farmer must keep farm accounts not only for his own information, but to successfully advertise his business to others.

Granger Institute was held Friday and Saturday and in addition to the state speakers other special features were added.

Supt. C. B. Uler of the county schools spoke on the Rural Schools and Their Problems.

Mr. Shoenberger gave a talk of his experiences in Siberia. Rev. Thompson of the Granger Methodist church

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